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Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I would like to ask the hon. Member whether he has imposed a condition on the company that they should finish the work within the time fixed and when the electric current will be ready ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" They are professional men in this matter; it is to their interest that they should finish the work as early as possible."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Would it not be to the interest of the Government if they undertook the distribution of work and completed the work as early as possible ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is not possible."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Will not the municipal council be just as anxious to complete the work as early as possible ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The municipal council did not want to take up the work."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As far as I know, the municipal council did want it."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am thankful to the hon. Member for the information."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" This is not a supplementary question."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the time when the company will complete the work ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" As I said, in any case, before the end of this year."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I enquire whether the Company did not ask for extension of time ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir."

Issue of licences for electric supply to Erode and Salem.

* 164 Q.—Mr. V. P. NARAYANAN NAMBIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have issued licences in respect of electric supply in Erode and Salem; and

(b) if so, to whom they have given and for what reasons?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) To Messrs. Octavius Steel & Co., Calcutta, for the reasons explained in the memorandum annexed.[a]

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" Did not the Government ask the municipal councils to borrow money for such purposes and undertake the schemes ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am not aware of it. The question must be addressed to my hon. Colleague, the Chief Minister."

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 416 infra.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" May I enquire of the hon. the Chief Minister, whether the Government did not advise the District Board, Coimbatore, to advance money to the Erode Municipality to undertake the scheme ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu :—" Notice, Sir."

Forests

Concessions granted to ryots in reserved forests, South Kanara.

* 165 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have decided to continue the concessions granted to ryots in reserved forests in South Kanara, and if so, for how long a period ; and

(b) why the concessions are not made permanent instead of being extended from time to time ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have decided to continue the concessions so long as they are not abused.

Jails

Treatment given to Mr. K. Neelakantan Nambudiripad.

* 166 Q.—Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what class of political prisoner is Karur Neelakantan Nambudiripad, now undergoing imprisonment in the Madras Penitentiary ;

(b) the assessment which the illom of the said Neelakantan Nambudiripad pays in British Malabar ; and

(c) whether there were any special reasons for placing him in the present class ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information ; but have called for it.

Civil disobedience prisoners sentenced under the Borstal Act.

* 167 Q.—Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(a) whether the Government have sought or obtained advice from its Law officers about the applicability of the Borstal Act to young persons convicted of political offences in connexion with the Indian National Congress movement or the satyagraha or civil disobedience movement, and if so, what it is ;

(b) whether the Government have issued any and what instructions to the Magistrates and others concerned to give effect to the advice received from its Law officers ;

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list or statement of the cases of the class referred to in (a) in which the criminal courts of the Province have so far applied the Borstal Act,